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**Activity/task analysis**

***Part 1; Activity Chart***

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| **HOCKEY OFFICIAL** | **Accessing Penalties** | **Writing Game Reports** | **Breaking up Fights** | **Calling in of Scores** | **Attending Routine Workshops** |
| **Purpose** | To penalize players who don’t play by the specified rules. | To suspend any players or coaches who participate in violent conduct. | Being the one who intervenes into the fight, making sure safety of both players. | To make sure that correct and official scores are sent for use of website to be viewed by all. | To educate and explain the certain roles and responsibilities of the official in the league. |
| **Functions** | The Referee is the one who assesses the penalties, Linesman guiding the players to the penalty bench. | The Referee or official who saw and witnessed the certain act has to write the report on paper, and fax to the league office. | Both Linesmen are to break up the fight when it’s safe, and also make sure the safety of the players by circling the players. | Most senior official to call in scores from sheet that has been used from timekeeper or called in by the game sheets provided. | All officials must attend these workshops in order to get games to officiate. Takes place in a meeting room, with PowerPoint presentation. |
| **Objects** | The Referee is to be in full uniform on ice. | Need the game sheet of the game, a SIR (Special Incident Report), a pen and a fax machine if faxing scores in. | Both Linesmen are to be in full uniform on the ice. | Timekeeper’s summary of scores sheet, game sheets and a phone line to call in the scores. | Officials need to have their Hockey Canada Rule books, pen and paper. |
| **Roles** | All officials, timekeeper, player who got accessed the penalty, player who got penalty called against him and the coaches. | The Referee, player/coach getting written up, League supervisor and League administration. | All officials, all players on the ice fighting or not, coaches and the timekeeper. | The Senior official, timekeeper, League administration. | All officials, Guest speaker, League supervisors and League administrators. |
| **Links** | Writing game reports, breaking up fights. | Accessing penalties, breaking up fights, calling in scores. | Accessing penalties, writing game reports. | Writing game reports. | Accessing penalties, writing game reports, breaking up fights, calling in of scores. |
| **Constraints** | Must follow specific penalty calls and times according to Hockey Canada standards. | Has to be handed in to the league office within 24hours of the game. | Make sure both players keep their helmets on, and perimeter around the fight must be cleared. | Must be called within 1 hour after the end of the last game. | League workshops and meetings usually are mandatory for all officials. |
| **Issues** | If the victim of the penalty injured, coaches protesting against the call. | Having a set of game reports on hand, league administration and team officials protesting against the call. | If there are any injuries to be attended to, more than one fights at one stoppage of play. | No access to a phone, timekeeper writing illegible, timekeeper writing scores incorrectly. | Meeting set up at a time and place that is hard to fit into schedule, meeting is mandatory. |

***Part 2; Task Analysis***

**Attached.**

***Part 3; Task Redefinition***

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***Part 4; Write-up***

The job that I decided to write about in my Activity/ Task analysis was an Ice Hockey Official. I

currently officiate in 4 different hockey leagues. The leagues include; The Mississauga Hockey League

(MHL), The Greater Toronto Hockey League (GTHL), Streetsville Minor Hockey Association (SAMHA), and

the Ontario Hockey Association (OHA). I have been officiating hockey since I was 16 years old, so about

four years now. I do not just officiate hockey though, I am also a soccer official in the summer time only.

All four leagues that I officiate in have their own set of rules and duties that I must follow, but

for the most part they are all similar, with little tweaks to each. For the most part all abide by Hockey

Canada’s rule standards. My roots started in the MHL. Each league also represents different age groups,

levels and players. The MHL, GTHL and SAMHA all deal with minor hockey players, as the OHA deals

more with semi-pro players. With different leagues though the hierarchy is pretty much the same,

having a process in which all decisions are made and to who each official has responsibility in contact

when problems do arise.

With everything, there are problems that do happen. All leagues handle them in certain ways,

but it is how everyone handles each situation that is key. League pre-season and playoff meetings are

mandatory for any official who wants to get any assignments. These meetings address any sort of issues

that need to be covered for the officials, coming from the league officials and supervisors.

Communication within the league is big and these meetings are a great way to send a message to a

large group of people. Things that happen during the season, between meetings are handled through

bulletins, that are sent to every official in the league.

Being a hockey official is a big responsibility as you are the one controlling the game and making

sure it does not get out of hand. Even with the five (Accessing penalties, Writing game reports, Breaking

up fights, Calling in of scores and Attending routine workshops) tasks above, there are many more, but

these five seem to be the ones that came to the top of my head first. Not all have to be fulfilled every

game, but it is knowing how and when to use these certain tasks that make one a great official. Some

duties related to Referee’s only, some to Linesmen only and then there are many that deal with all

officials on the ice.

The one task that I focused on was calling in of the scores. To be honest, I do not really have any

problems that seemed to stand out on any of the five tasks that I choose, but calling in the scores

seemed to be one that I think is a bit out-dated. Currently the way things work is that there is a

designated number that the senior official must call after the game. It is a voicemail where we leave

messages for the league administrator to then action the next morning.

Problems that arise from this include, no access to a phone, timekeeper writing illegible,

timekeeper writing scores incorrectly and scores having to be called in 24 hours after the game.

Explained in Part 3, I looked at all them and came up with solutions for them all. The one that I want to

emphasize on is the whole fact of calling in the scores, instead I believe that emailing or texting the

scores would be more convenient and better too for the league. Our assignments are sent through e-

mail, so it is assumed everyone has access to a computer, so e-mail should not be a problem. Also

texting should be a great alternate too, as everyone now seems to have their own mobile device. The

problem that can arise from the phone is that the league has trouble hearing the message, with e-mail

and text, it is right in front of the person, making it easy to read.

Well as I continue to officiate, I will take into consideration the tasks that I have to do on a

regular basis. The flow chart will help me in solving my own problems and also finding alternative

options that can be addressed to a league official, so that maybe it can be corrected accordingly. With

the fast paced world we live in today and the rise of technology and communication, there is always

room for improvements wherever needed.